

partial, and less likely to be influenced by the packers than the present licensed measurers, who are supposed to be under their control.

I think, however, it will be readily admitted, that the General Measurers who may be appointed under this law, could easily, if so disposed, use for their own profit, the very large powers which are given to them; that honesty is a quality that is not always insured by political preferment, and that very frequently, the appointing power is deceived in the instruments he selects.

The only safe principle in my judgment is, to throw upon those who are interested in any trade, the responsibility of protecting themselves by vigilance and activity, giving them their full remedy at law for any fraud that may be practised on them. Incidentally, I might suggest, that the increase of the Executive patronage is an evil, which, I think most men of our time will recognize as great, and not to be advocated, except upon the broadest grounds of public propriety. Feeling therefore, that the principle involved in this proposed measure of protecting private business interests by special legislation, is in conflict with the advanced ideas of our own and other trading communities, and having grave doubts that the proposed remedy will afford any relief for the evils complained of.

I remit to you the bill, for such action as your Honorable Body may see fit to take.

JOHN LEE CARROLL.

Which was read.

The bill named therein was returned with the message.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,
March 25th, 1876.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We respectfully ask your Honorable Body to return to the Senate for further consideration the House bill in relation to the Crier of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's county.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary.

Which was read.

The bill named therein was returned with the message.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message: